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Every 15 minutes at meal times to the club, dining facility, Hangar Avenue, supply, and bowling center.

AES at home in Kurdish village

by MSgt. Tom Allocco

Two Westover medical specialists are winning the hearts of the Kurdish people of northern Iraq while serving as a medical liaison team for Army troops.

Tea with village officials and negotiations for the services of interpreters are part of the life of Capt. Cal, a medical services coordinator, and Capt. Mark, a flight nurse.

The two 439th AES officers are serving in the homeland of the Kurds in northern Iraq where they are acting as a liaison team for aeromedical evacuation. Their job is to move wounded or injured troops out of the AOR to areas where they can receive more complete medical care. They have been in northern Iraq since late March.

"The local Kurdish people love us. They said they would like to become the 51st U.S. state," Capt. Cal wrote in a recent e-mail to Command CMSgt. Jeffrey Sherwin.

"I had an official visit with the village mayor to try to find interpreters to help at our entry control points. We had tea in his village office," he wrote. He also negotiated with the Kurds for bulk water.

Capt. Cal described their arrival in another e-mail transmitted to the Command



Capt. Cal has his picture taken with a member of a Kurdish village council following negotiations for the services of interpreters.



Capt. Mark poses with some of the Kurds with whom Americans have built rapport in recent weeks.

Chief by cell phone hooked up to a lap top.

"Our job was to support Army troops who jumped into Iraq from C-17s and secured a very remote airfield a couple of days earlier. They were fortunate to have minimum injuries, but still needed long-term aeromedical evacuation. At the last minute, on the last flight into our area, the flight nurse and myself filled the last two open seats on a C-17. We could only bring one bag and an iridium cell phone. Nothing else. If we couldn't carry it, we had to leave it behind, including the rest of our team and all our equipment," Capt. Cal wrote.

They had been in a country near the Iraq border before moving to Aviano, Italy, in anticipation of deploying to Iraq. Left behind in Aviano were radio operators TSgt. Paul and SSgt. Kenneth.

More than three weeks after Capt. Cal wrote the e-mail note, the two radio operators were still in Aviano and the two medical officers were living day to day with one spare uniform and what they had been able to carry in-country.

"The first night we arrived Mark and I

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slept on the floor of the forward surgical team patient holding tent. After that, we borrowed two cots and found a tent we could share with eight other people. The tents are small, so the cots almost touch each other," Capt. Cal wrote.

"There's not much where we are now. No latrines, no showers, no laundry and just MREs with water. We also don't have much for personal supplies. I've since learned what we really need to survive, and that's many years of good training with the 439th AES and others at Westover ARB. We've been able to do our job with just that, a cell phone and a couple of borrowed cots," he wrote.

On April 18, Capt. Cal wrote: "We moved one urgent patient last night, three patients the night before, and two the night before that... we've moved patients nearly every day with the little we have."

Three days later he wrote: "We've had two casualties from hostile fire, and all the rest have been injuries. The worst thing is the rain. It rains every two or three days, and everything gets covered in mud. You get about two inches of mud stuck to the bottom of your boots, just from walking 10 feet.

"We had a small stream of water flowing through our tent. Even with sandbags and trenches, there's just no way to stop the water."

Capt. Cal concluded an e-mail to Chief Sherwin with advice based on his hard experience.

"Please let others know that the most important survival asset is good training and complete notes. Anything else is just 'frosting on the cake,'" Capt. Cal wrote.

Search and rescue training will be held next Wednesday

Search and rescue training is available on Wednesday, April 30 for those volunteers interested. The training, which lasts about three hours, begins at 9 a.m. in the fitness center. For more information, call Ext. 3958.

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(EDITOR'S NOTE: Security guidelines prohibit using last names of deploying reservists.)

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Westover safety chief receives OSHA award

by SSgt. Andrew Biscoe

Officials from the U.S. government's safety arm came to Westover on April 16 to present the wing chief of safety a plaque during the wing leadership staff meeting.

Representatives from the Occupational Safety and Health Administration in Boston presented the award to Lt. Col. Dave Moore as Brig. Gen. Martin M. Mazick, 439th AW commander, looked on.

The award recognized Moore's collaboration with OSHA for two safety seminars held on base in January and in January 2001. "Your efforts bring great credit to yourself and the men and women of Westover Air Reserve Base," said Marthe B. Kent, regional administrator for OSHA.

This past winter's general industry seminar, held in Hangar 3, featured props and live situations that portrayed the potential dangers of working in high places. Maintenance workers at Westover often rise six stories into the air to work on the towering tails of the C-5s.

"It covered fall protection, electrical safety, ladder and crane safety, lockout and

tagout programs, and material handling equipment," Moore said. "There were hands-on displays. It was pretty nice."

Moore credited the leadership of the 42nd APS with making the event happen in January. Squadron Commander Lt. Col. Jim Carey and CMSgt. Bruce Westcott, 42nd APS operations superintendent, quickly made the hangar available after Moore learned that the Base Hangar could not be used due to interior remodeling.

Moore was honored by the attendance of the OSHA leadership who made the two-hour drive. "It was pretty nice they saw fit to come all the way from Boston," he said. Moore is a command pilot with nearly 7,500 hours of flying numerous military aircraft including T-29s, C-123s, C-130s and C-5s. He has been chief of safety since April 1997.

ALCF going to Iraq

by SSgt. Andrew Biscoe

Eleven members of the 439th Airlift Control Flight will deploy to Iraq to run airlift operations at an airport now occupied by American forces.

Lt. Col. James, ALCF commander, said his unit will be in charge of all cargo movement and processing of passengers at the airport. "We'll be the TALCE (tanker airlift control element) for that particular region," he said.

The flight commander said five members of the ALCF from the 315th AW, a reserve unit at Charleston AFB, S.C., will join the Westover reservists for the mission that is supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom. Having been activated on March 2, James said he and the troops are glad the waiting for the deployment orders is over.

"They're excited, they're ready to go," he said. "We're chomping at the bit."

The airlift control specialists will deploy directly from Westover. They may be overseas as long as four months.

Pat Stats

Served since Feb. 2, 2003
4,046 passengers - 1,408 aircraft
14,694,208 pounds of cargo
Info from MSgt. Jim Garrity, 42APS

Meals
7,958 hot meals served
Box lunches: 4,431
Info from TSgt. David Beauregard, 439SVS

Fuel since Feb. 1
8,372,796 gallons of JP-8
Info from Jim Maloney, Fuels

Express-ions

